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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

STAGE DRIVE METHOD AND STAGE UNIT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD

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Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application.* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 02/02/2004	2004-025837	JAPAN		
item (2) 14/10/2004	2004-300566	JAPAN		
item (3)				

Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (*only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office*) identified above as:

all items item (1) item (2) item (3) other, see Supplemental Box

** Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):*

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (*if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used*):

ISA / JP

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (*if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority*):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

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Number of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
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Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains :		This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):		Number of items
(a) on paper, the following number of sheets:		1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: 5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature 6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): 7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): 8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material 9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in electronic form (<i>indicate type and number of carriers</i>)		1
request (including declaration sheets) : 4				
description (excluding sequence listing and/or tables related thereto) : 69				
claims : 10				
abstract : 1				
drawings : 24				
Sub-total number of sheets : 108				
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 1		Language of filing of the international application: Japanese		

Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:

3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:

4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):

5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /

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